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Dear Air Board-

I am writing this letter to you because I support the stack merge that Mirant wants to install on the Potomac River Generating Station. I feel that this upgrade will improve the quality of air we breathe in our city. It is vital that the power plant continues to operate in Alexandria. The demand for electricity is high and over 49 years the plant has provided us with the energy we need to survive .

I believe as long as the power plant is up to legal standards then the city needs to stop fighting this stack merge and wasting tax dollars and allow Mirant to upgrade the stacks on the power plant. Air quality is very important to me and this improvement will allow the emissions to release higher in the air.

I am a 71 year old retired senior citizen and I have been a resident of Alexandria for 7 years. I knew the power plant was here when I moved here. I feel that the power plant needs to continue to operate without interruptions. City Council needs to hear from us. We want the power plant to continue to be a part of our community. We need and depend on it now and the future to provide us with our energy needs. If this plant would shut down operation, not only will our energy needs be at risk but many good jobs will be lost.

As a concerned resident of Alexandria I am asking you to please allow the permit that Mirant needs to install the new stack merge. Stop fighting this issue and wasting hard earned tax dollars.

Thank you for your help,



Frederick Hewitt